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Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bolivia, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic the Congo, Ecuador, Fiji, Grenada, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Mali, Marshall Islands, Namibia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu and Venezuela: revised draft resolution

Decolonization programme of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960, 43/47 of 22 November 1988, as well as all other relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions,

Recognizing that decolonization is a major political success of the United Nations,

Convinced that the process of decolonization has not been completed,

Mindful of the statement made by the Secretary-General on 17 March 1997 regarding the administrative reforms of the Secretariat; section 2, Political Affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999;[1] and the

[1] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/52/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

report of the Secretary-General entitled "United Nations reforms: measures and proposals",[2]

Noting the resolution entitled "Decolonization programme in the United Nations System" adopted by consensus by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on 6 June 1997,[3]

Noting also the letter dated 18 September 1997 from the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples addressed to the Secretary-General,[4]

Reaffirming the political nature and substance of the mandate of the Special Committee,

Concerned that the proposed administrative changes could jeopardize, downgrade and undermine the United Nations decolonization programme,

1. Urges the Secretary-General to avail the Decolonization Branch of all necessary and adequate resources until the completion of the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism;

2. Welcomes the expressed willingness of the Secretary-General to take into account the concerns of Member States, and, in this context, urges the Secretary-General to maintain the Decolonization Branch and all its functions pertaining to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in the Department of Political Affairs.

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[2] A/52/303.

[3] A/AC.109/2094.

[4] A/52/379.